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Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell:

I strongly encourage the FCC to vote against the adoption of a "broadcast flag." The broadcast flag runs squarely against the FCC's charter to regulate industry in the public interest. This is undoubtedly a regulation purely for the entertainment industry's economic interest.

It is a particular concern that the broadcast flag, if passed, will restrict my ability to move the video I have recorded for personal viewing from room-to-room and place-to-place. Furthermore, the broadcast flag will also lock out my computer as a way to watch my favorite shows using my choice of software on a plane or train, or to send a television clip of a high school football game to family and friends.

I value innovative devices like TiVo, ReplayTV and the Windows Media Center PC, which exist today because they were built to open standards using inexpensive, off-the-shelf computer parts. The restrictions imposed by the broadcast flag will undoubtedly create a disincentive for the public to purchase digital technology should its capacity be limited.

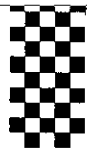
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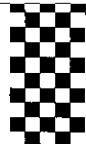
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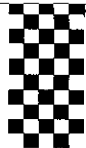
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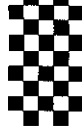
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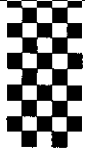
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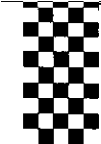
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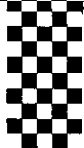
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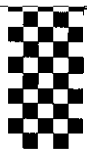
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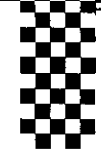
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